

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 734

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A RESOLUTION to honor Mrs. Nancy P. Barber on the occasion  
of her retirement from Evangelical Christian  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to pay homage to those exemplary citizens who have given unreservedly of themselves in service of their respective vocations, communities and families; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nancy Barber is most assuredly one such remarkable citizen who is richly deserving of this Body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barber has served the tenets of quality education with the greatest dignity and integrity for 28 years as a teacher for Evangelical Christian School, 26 of these years being spent at the Ridgelake campus in the same classroom; and

WHEREAS, throughout her outstanding tenure, Mrs. Barber has distinguished herself as the very epitome of the conscientious and dedicated teacher, and she has often exceeded the call of duty to ensure the best possible learning environment at Evangelical Christian School; and

WHEREAS, she is highly valued both as a professional and a friend at Evangelical Christian School, and her efficiency, compassion and aplomb are important components in the school's day-to-day operation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barber has earned the respect and admiration of Evangelical's administration, faculty, staff and students by means of her superior performance and her genuine concern for the school's collective welfare and the well-being of each individual associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barber is a lifelong resident of Memphis and a graduate of the University of Memphis, where she received her Master's degree; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Barber worships the Lord as an active member of Bellevue Baptist Church, where she has served with the utmost dedication for many years; and

WHEREAS, a lady who is wholly dedicated to her home and family, Mrs. Barber is most fortunate to share love and companionship with her husband, Dr. Melvin Barber; son, Cliff Barber of Green Bay, Wisconsin; daughter, Melanie Kirk of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and 3 precious grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Barber's distinguished tenure at Evangelical Christian School has truly been in the time-honored tradition of public service, in which many long, hard hours of work are performed, not for personal benefit or public acclaim, but rather the satisfaction of a job well done and knowing one has contributed to the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, teachers of Mrs. Barber's stature are exceedingly rare and should be treasured when they do come along; and

WHEREAS, Nancy Barber will soon answer the tantalizing call of retirement to the great dismay of her friends and colleagues at Evangelical Christian School, who will be hosting a reception in her honor on May 10, 2002; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to join in this celebration by recognizing Mrs. Barber for her exemplary career at Evangelical Christian School and her personification of the ideal Christian teacher; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize Mrs. Nancy P. Barber on the occasion of

her much deserved retirement, salute her life of purpose and commitment, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.